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>Dear Ms. Hesse,
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> I have been a longtime watcher of the Microsoft case and have
>e-mailed my elected officials with the position that the case was not in

>the best interest of the taxpayers in this country. I also believed it
>showed a strong disregard for the principle that government should try
>its best not to interfere with the workings of business, whether small
>or
>large. Because of Microsoft, computers and software are inexpensive and
>available to the common user at home. We need to give Microsoft credit,
>not disdain for what they have done good for the computer user.

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> But today, there is a settlement on the table between the
>Department of Justice, Microsoft and nine attorneys general. I believe
>that in the interest of moving this case along that Judge Kollar-Kotelly

>will approve the settlement. It will mean changes at Microsoft, no
>doubt, with an independent group having the power to audit future
>actions
>of the giant software company. While such activity is not to my liking
>personally, I feel that it is worth it to move this case out of court.

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> As a former member of the Fayetteville City Council, North
>Carolina, I have seen what damage that lawsuits and potential lawsuits
>can do to the ongoing process of good government. They are often
>expensive for the city and occupy the time of employees and attorneys
>when eventually the suits are settled anyway--but so much farther down
>the road.
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> Thank you for allowing me to share my views.

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>Sincerely,

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>Don Talbot